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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Emrick et al.	)
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Serial No:	10/643,015	)
		) Attorney Docket No. 7163
Filed:	August 18, 2003	)
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For:	PYRIDINE AND	)
	RELATED LIGAND	)
	COMPOUNDS,	)
	FUNCTIONALIZED	)
	NANOPARTICULATE	)
	COMPOSITES AND	)
	METHODS OF	)
	PREPARATION	)

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### RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the pending Office Action, please enter and consider the following amendments.